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SUBJECT: WTDR/FTI: IRELAND BLYTH LTD.

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1. MAURITIUS

OFFICE USE: 2. 785. 3. N/A 4. 01

5. IRELAND BLYTH LTD.

6. P.O. BOX 56

7. PORT LOUIS

8. CONTACT: CHRISTIAN DALAIS

9. TITLE: CHEIF EXECUTIVE

OTHER OFFICIAL: COLIN HARE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

10. PHONE: 081241 11. TELEX: IW 4211

12. CABLE: BLYTHSOME

13. ESTABL.: 1972 14. EMPL.: 1407

15. SIZE: VERY LARGE.

16. REPUTATION: Y-GOOD. 17. RPT DATE: 08/78

OFFICE USE: 18. N/A 19. N/A 20. X

21. N/A. 22. N/A.

23A. 20320 IMP. RET. OF PRESERVED FOOD.

23B 20850 IMP. OF LIQUORS

23C. 28340 IMP. RET. OF PAHRMACEUTICALS

23D. 36300 IMP. RET. OF HOUSEHOLD APPLIANCES

23E. 36510 IMP. OF RADIO AND TELEVISION SETS

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23F. N/A IMP. RET. OF ALL TYPES OF BUILDING MATERIALS

 $23G.\ 3585630\ \text{IMP}.$  OF AIR CONDITIONERS

23H. 28700 IMP. OF FERTILIZERS

23I. 35510 IMP. OF HEAVY MACHINERY FOR SUGARCANE AND

TEA FACTORIES

23J. 35230 IMP. OF LAND CLEARING MACHINERY AND TRACTORS.

23K. 20610 EXP. OF SUGAR

23L. 20995 EXP. OF TEA

23M. 28510 MFR. OF PAINTS

23N. 34422 MFR. OF STEEL WINDOWS

23O. N/A AGT. FOR SHIPPING COMPANIES.

24. FOREIGN SALES: IRELAND BLYTH LTD. EXPORTS TEA, SUGAR,

AND OTHER LOCAL PORDUCTS TO EUROPE, CANDADA, AND

SOUTH AFRICA.

25. FINANCIAL REFS: CITIBANK N.A., P.O. BOX 80.

PORT LOUIS, MAURITIUS; MAURITIUS COMMERCIAL BANK LTD.,

P.O. BOX 52, SIR WILLIAM NEWTON STREET, PORT LOUIS,

MAURITIUS; BARCLAYS BANK INTERNATIONAL LTD., SIR

WILLIAM NEWTON STREET, PORT LOUIS, MAURITIUS.

26. TRADE REFERENCES: CATERPILLAR TRACTOR COMPANY,

PEORIA, ILLINOIS, U.S.A.

27. FOREIGN FIRMS REPRESENTED: NONE.

28. POST EVALUATION: THE FIRM, WHICH IS A PRIVATE LIMITED

LIABILITY COMPANY, IS AMONGST THE LEADING COMMERCIAL

FIRMS IN MAURITIUS. IT EMERGED FROM A MERGER OF

TWO BIG COMPANIES, NAMELY BLYTH BROGHERS AND CO. LTD.

(SERIAL NUMBER 400) AND IRELAND FRASER AND COMPANY LIMITED (SERIAL

NUMBER 1600). IT CONTROLS 23 COMPANIES AND IS

ASSOCIATED WITH 10 OTHER COMPANIES. IRELAND BLYTH

LIMITED ITSELF IS OWNED BY THREE COMPANIES, NAMELY

BLYTH, GREENE, JOURDAIN AND CO. LTD. (UNITED KINGDOM),

IVESTMENT HOLDING LIMITED, JOINT ECONOMIC TRADING

CO. LTD. IT HAS SET UP A BUYING COMPANY IN AUSTRALIA

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AND INTENDS, ID DUE COURSE, TO OPEN SIMILAR COMPANIES IN EUROPE AND THE U.S.A. IT HAS A WORKING CAPITAL OF US DOLLARS 600,000 AND AN AVERAGE ANNUAL VOLUME OF BUSINESS OF US DOLLARS 50 MILLION. LOCAL BANKING SOURCES REPORT THAT FIRM HAS SOUND FINANCIAL STANDING AND OBLIGATIONS ARE PROMPTLY MET. THE EMBASSY CONSIDERS THE COMPANY A GOOD TRADE CONTACT FOR U.S. FIRMS.

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